

House File 2193 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 556)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of an Iowa middle school
2 extended learning time pilot project grant program.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.34 Middle school extended
2 learning time pilot project grant program.

3 1. Subject to an appropriation by the general assembly
4 for purposes of this section, the department shall establish
5 a pilot project grant program to provide funding to at least
6 two school districts individually or working collaboratively
7 for planning and implementing extended learning time for middle
8 school students in the form of longer school days or a longer
9 school year. The school districts selected to receive grants
10 shall be located in geographically diverse areas of the state
11 and the student populations among the buildings designated
12 for pilot projects shall demonstrate diverse demographic
13 characteristics.

14 2. The department shall develop an application and
15 evaluation process for approval of pilot project grant
16 applications submitted by school districts. In evaluating
17 grant applications, the department shall consider all of the
18 following:

19 a. The percentage of seventh grade students in the school
20 district in a designated middle school building or in a
21 specific student population within such a building who have not
22 demonstrated proficiency in reading.

23 b. Evidence that the school district has included
24 community-based organizations in the submission of the
25 application.

26 c. The school district's proposed comprehensive
27 restructuring of the school day or year to maximize the use of
28 extra time for learning by middle school students, including
29 a mix of additional time spent on reading and enrichment
30 opportunities.

31 d. Whether the school district's plan for teacher
32 collaboration and professional development of professional
33 staff supports success of the extended learning time pilot
34 project.

35 3. A school district awarded an extended learning time pilot

1 project grant shall do all of the following:

2 *a.* Add up to three hundred hours of additional instruction
3 or learning activities annually for all students in a
4 designated middle school building or in a specific student
5 population within such a building.

6 *b.* Enter into an annual performance agreement with the
7 department that establishes clear academic achievement goals,
8 developed collaboratively with district teachers, for each
9 designated middle school building.

10 4. Extended learning time pilot project grants shall be
11 awarded for a period of three years, subject annually to a
12 successful review of program performance by the department.

13 5. School districts may collaborate with one another to
14 submit a joint grant application.

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EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill provides for the establishment of an Iowa middle
19 school extended learning time pilot project grant program
20 by the department of education, subject to an appropriation
21 by the general assembly, to provide funding to at least two
22 geographically and demographically diverse school districts for
23 planning and implementing extended learning time for middle
24 school students in the form of longer school days or a longer
25 school year.

26 In evaluating grant applications, the department shall
27 consider the percentage of seventh grade students in the
28 school district in a designated middle school building or in
29 a specific student population within such a building who have
30 not demonstrated proficiency in reading; evidence that the
31 school district has included community-based organizations in
32 the submission of the application; the district's proposed
33 comprehensive restructuring of the school day or year to
34 maximize the use of extra time for learning, including
35 a mix of additional time spent on reading and enrichment

1 opportunities; and whether the school district's plan
2 for teacher collaboration and professional development of
3 professional staff supports success of the extended learning
4 time pilot project.

5 A school district awarded an extended learning time
6 pilot project grant must add up to 300 hours of additional
7 instruction or learning activities annually for all students in
8 a designated middle school building or in a specific student
9 population within such a building; and enter into an annual
10 performance agreement with the department that establishes
11 clear academic achievement goals, developed collaboratively
12 with district teachers, for each designated building.

13 Grants shall be awarded for a period of three years, subject
14 annually to a successful review of program performance by the
15 department. School districts may collaborate with one another
16 to submit a joint grant application.